



## Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy Funding Tip Sheet

### **Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTAC)**

The Federal Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center has Professional Development Scholarships available to those who work with victims of crime. Scholarship awards are based on eligibility, are limited to available funds, and are processed in the order in which applications are received. Scholarships are nontransferable and can be used only for professional development related to an applicant's responsibilities for serving victims of crime. OVC TTAC must receive the completed Individual or Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Professional Development Scholarship application and all application materials **at least 45 calendar days** prior to the event or the request will be rejected

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### **Mintz Levin/Paul Poth Scholarship**

To honor the legacy and memory of attorney Paul P. Poth, the law firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., is annually awarding scholarships to the MA Victim Assistance Academy (MVAA) sponsored by the MA Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA). Scholarship recipients (to be deemed "Mintz Levin/Paul Poth Scholars") will have demonstrated a commitment, through their personal, civic and/or professional activities, to furthering the ideals espoused by Paul Poth in his career as an attorney in private practice, as an Assistant District Attorney, and through his daily life and service to victims/survivors, and the victim services community. Recipients will also have shown a compelling financial need for the scholarship to enable them to attend the MVAA. The Mintz Levin/Paul Poth Scholarship includes three scholarships for MVAA.

### **Cheryl Watson Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of Essex County District Attorney's Chief of Victim Witness Services, Cheryl Watson the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, is awarding two scholarships for the Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy (MVAA) in her honor. Cheryl was deeply committed to the Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy and was involved as a member of the initial steering committee to create the academy. She then served for many years as both a mentor and faculty member at the academy helping to inspire and share her wisdom with new generations of victim advocates. The scholarships will be awarded during Victim Rights Month, for both the basic and advanced academies. The recipients will currently be working with victim and survivors of crime in either the criminal justice or community based fields, demonstrating a dedication to advocating for victims of crime. The recipients will have a commitment to victim services as a career and possess leadership qualities.



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**VOCA, SAFEPLAN, DDTF Funded Agencies**

The Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy is an allowable administrative cost for VOCA, SAFEPLAN, and DDTF-funded agencies interested in sending staff to the MVAA.

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